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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 14030

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: JAPAN AND DRV CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. AFTER TWO YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS, HANOI AND TOKYO INITIALED AN AGREEMENT IN VIENTIANE OCT 1 WHICH CALLS FOR PROVISION OF 8.5 BILLION YEN GRANT AID TO HANOI BY JAPAN AND WILL PERMIT JAPAN TO OPEN ITS EMBASSY IN HANOI OCT 11. GOJ HAS AGREED, SUBJECT TO DIET APPROVAL, TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL APPROXIMATE 5 BILLION YEN GRANT AID IN FY 76. AMBASSADOR SUGANUMA, GOJ AMB TO VIENTIANE, WILL FLY TO HANOI OCT 11, OPEN THE EMBASSY AND SIGN THE AID AGREEMENT FOR THE 8.5 BILLION YEN TRANCHE IN CEREMONY WITH DRV FOREIGN MINISTER DUY TRINH. AMB SUGANUMA WILL
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BE PRECEDED TO HANOI OCT 8 BY YUKIO IMAGAWA, FIRST SECY IN

VIENTIANE WHO WILL BE CHARGE IN HANOI. IT WILL FLY TO
VIENTIANE OCT 7 AND THEREAFTER GO TO HANOI FOR THE CEREMONY AND
TO CONDUCT A WEEK OF TALKS WITH NVN OFFICIALS ON FULL RANGE
OF BI-LATERAL DRV-JAPAN RELATIONS.

2. COMMENT: BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM ALL OPPOSITION POLITICAL
PARTIES, OPENING RELATIONS WITH HANOI HAS BEEN A MAJOR
FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVE OF GOJ FOR THREE YEARS. PRESSURE,
OF COURSE, SUBSIDED AFTER ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
IN SEPT 1973, BUT ACTUALLY OPENING A JAPANESE EMBASSY IN HANOI
REMAINED A MAJOR GOAL DURING TWO YEARS OF HAGGLING WITH HANOI
OVER GOJ POLICY TOWARD PRG AND THE AMOUNT AND FORM OF ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE JAPAN WOULD PROVIDE NVN. AGREEMENT WAS ALMOST REACHED
IN APRIL THIS YEAR, BUT VICTORIES IN INDOCHINA ENCOURAGED HANOI
TO RAISE THE ANTE, LEADING TO FIVE MORE MONTHS OF TEDIOUS
NEGOTIATIONS. TOKYO IS PROVIDING SUBSTANTIAL GRANT AID TO DRV
AND IN RETURN HOPES FOR POLITICAL GAIN OF POSSIBLE FUTURE
INFLUENCE WITH HANOI AND FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO
JAPANESE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL INTERESTS.
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